

STATE OF INDIANA } IN THE TIPPECANOE CIRCUIT COURT
 } SS:
COUNTY OF TIPPECANOE } TO THE 2019 TERM

WEST LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY SCHOOL
CORPORATION }
 Petitioner, }
v. } 79C01-1909-PL-115
 }
ERIC HOLCOMB }
 Respondent.

**TAXPAYER PETITION IN SUPPORT OF
WEST LAFAYETTE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CORPORATION**

The undersigned are taxpayers ("Taxpayers") in the West Lafayette Community School District and submit this Petition in Support of the West Lafayette School Corporation. In support of this Petition, the undersigned state as follow:

1. Taxpayers are aware of the lawsuit filed by the West Lafayette Community School Corporation (WLCSC).
2. Taxpayers understand that the State of Indiana has passed laws that requires unused school buildings, such as Happy Hollow, to be made available for the use of charter schools for the nominal amount of one dollar.
3. Taxpayers understand that Happy Hollow is not currently being used for classroom purposes and it may be years before Happy Hollow may be put to classroom uses in the future.
4. Taxpayers understand that the Happy Hollow property is worth millions of dollars.
5. Taxpayers support WLCSC's lawsuit against the State because they believe it is unjust for the State to mandate that Happy Hollow be made available to a charter school for a nominal amount of money, particularly without compensating the school district. By doing this, the State deprives the West Lafayette Community School District of a facility paid for by taxpayers of the

district.

6. Taxpayers believe that the laws being challenged deprive Taxpayers of their right to self-government, constitute a taking without just compensation in violation of the United States and Indiana Constitutions, and violate the Indiana constitutional requirement that the Indiana General Assembly provide for a uniform and equal rate of property tax assessment.

Therefore, Taxpayers support this lawsuit by the West Lafayette Community School Corporation and support its request that the Court declare the challenged laws unconstitutional.

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